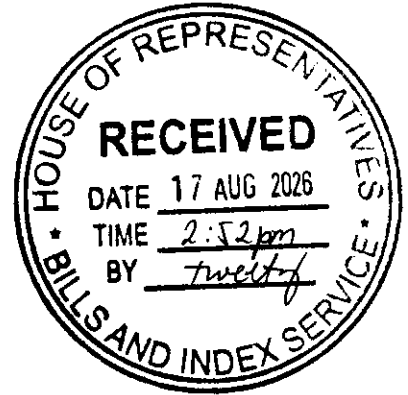




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HOUSE BILL NO. **10825**



Introduced by **HON. BAMBI B. EMANO & HON. JENNIFER A. LAGBAS**

AN ACT DECLARING THE KALIGA FESTIVAL OF THE CITY OF GINGOOG, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, AS THE OFFICIAL CULTURAL AND TOURISM FESTIVAL OF NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE, PROVIDING FOR ITS PROMOTION, PRESERVATION, DEVELOPMENT, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Kaliga Festival is the official Charter Day Festival of the City of Gingoog, Misamis Oriental. It traces its roots to Republic Act No. 2668, which granted Gingoog its city charter, and was formally institutionalized through City Ordinance No. 2006-166.

The word 'Kaliga' is rooted in Higaonon culture and has become a symbol of the city's identity, history, unity, and cultural heritage.

The festival showcases Gingoog's traditions, indigenous heritage, arts, music, local products, and tourism destinations while promoting community participation and economic activity. National recognition will strengthen cultural preservation, tourism promotion, and inter-agency support for the continued development of the festival.

Building upon this rich foundation, the annual Kaliga Festival commences by an early morning Kaliga Ritual and transforms the streets of Gingoog into a vibrant tapestry of color, rhythm, and shared identity. Central to the celebration are the powerful street dancing competitions, where performers donning intricate, traditional Higaonon attire move to the rhythmic beating of native drums and gongs. These performances do not merely entertain; they serve as a living archive, dramatizing ancestral rituals, thanksgiving practices, and stories of community

resilience. By bridging the gap between historical indigenous customs and contemporary urban life, the festival fosters deep intergenerational pride among locals while enchanting visitors from across the region. Ultimately, national recognition will not only elevate Gingoog's presence on the cultural tourism map but also secure vital resources to safeguard these sacred traditions for future generations.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Short Title - This Act shall be known as the 'Kaliga Festival Act'.

SECTION. 2. Declaration of Policy - It is the policy of the State to preserve local cultural heritage, recognize indigenous traditions, promote sustainable tourism, and support local economic development through cultural festivals.

SECTION 3. Declaration of the Kaliga Festival - The Kaliga Festival of the City of Gingoog, Province of Misamis Oriental, is hereby recognized as an official cultural and tourism festival of national significance. It shall continue to be celebrated annually in connection with the City's Charter Day celebration on July 23.

SECTION. 4. Objectives - The Act shall preserve Gingoog City's history and Higaonon cultural heritage; promote tourism and investments; strengthen community participation; encourage cultural education; and support local artists, farmers, fisherfolk, entrepreneurs, and cultural workers.

SECTION. 5. Implementing Agencies - The Department of Tourism, the National Commission for Culture and the Arts, the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples, and the City Government of Gingoog shall coordinate in implementing this Act.

SECTION. 6. Separability Clause - If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION. 7. Repealing Clause - All laws, rules, regulations, and issuances inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 8. Effectivity - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette or a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,